

Participants Needed for Developmental Disabilities Research

New York State Institute for Basic Research (IBR) is conducting a study on the **vagus nerve stimulation** for autonomic dysregulation in individuals with the developmental disorders

Who can qualify? Children and adults between ages 12-40 with a diagnosis of developmental disabilities, including autism.

What is the first step? Complete an initial interview and screening.

What is the purpose of the study? Examine whether a device called vagus nerve stimulator (VNS, pictured on the right) can help with symptoms commonly seen in developmental disabilities, including autism.



What are some of the required procedures? You will undergo several behavioral, neurocognitive, and EEG tests. You will also attend regularly scheduled study appointments.

What are the risks? Some participants may experience temporary discomforts and side effects related to the VNS, including redness and tingling.

What are the benefits? Possible improvements in some symptoms related to developmental disabilities with the use of VNS.

Is there compensation for participating? The research will be at no cost to you or your insurance company. No other compensation is provided.

Where can I learn more? Contact the Principal Investigator:

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